

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Waiver of	)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline	)	
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Grant County	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Grant County, BEN 17008190)	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017  
RE: FCC Form 471 171048052 BEN 17008190**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Grant County Library (BEN 139535, Child Library Entity to Grant County, BEN 17008190) serves the rural population of Grant County, AR, located in the south central part of the state. Grant County has successfully applied for E-Rate discounts in the past, and Funding Year 2017 the library submitted an application which will help upgrade the library's bandwidth. Grant County submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, 171048052, in the

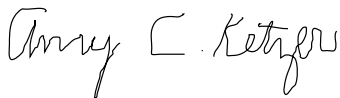
E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) website, on May 18, 2017, just 7 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017.

The library director of the rural Grant County Library works E-Rate into her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties and technology planning. The procurement process, including contract negotiation and administrative approval by the Grant County Library Board of Directors took longer than expected. An additional network assessment was required prior to signing a contract with the winning bidder to ensure that the internet access service would perform as expected.

## **II. Request**

Grant County respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of Grant County to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 171048052, due to unexpected delays requiring an additional network assessment, extended contract negotiation and additional time for the contract to be approved by the Grant County Library Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,



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